

St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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SECOND SUNDAY, YEAR C

19TH JANUARY, 2025

THEME: A Marriage Feast

When two young people set out together on the adventure of married life, they affirm that they believe in each other, in love, in life, in the future. This is the message God speaks to us today. He has committed himself to us, his people, in a covenant bond of love, as lasting and as beautiful as marriage, when his Son Jesus became human. In him he has given himself to us forever, for better and for worse, accepting that his Son laid down his life for us, so that we might live. He continues to change for us the water of the drabness and failures of our existence into plenty of wine and joy. And the best wine will be kept for the end, for eternal life.



MEDITATE: In the wedding feast of Cana we see Jesus pressed by his mother's compassion to respond to a social dilemma.

ACT: When have I experienced the outpouring of God's generous response in my life?

PEACE SUNDAY

The theme this year is: "Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your peace". The work of *Pax Christi* is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice.

For more information please contact Pax Christi on www.paxchristi.org.uk

You can also donate online.



LAURENCE'S LARDER

Thank you for your kind donations.

Please leave your donations in the box provided by the Lady Chapel.



FUNERAL

With sadness we announce the death of Margaret Walsh. Her funeral will take place on Monday 20th January at 6.30pm. The Mass will be live-streamed and recorded. We offer our sympathy to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

LIVE STREAMING 24/7 - FOR YOUR AWARENESS

The sanctuary area is continuously monitored via a 24/7 livestream, serving as a focal point for prayer and contemplation for congregants who are at home. Please be aware that if you are present in this area, your image and actions may be captured on the livestream.

LISTED PLACES OF WORSHIP GRANT SCHEME

A debate on the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme will take place in Westminster Hall next **Wednesday, 22nd January at 9.30am**. As you know the upkeep of any building is very expensive, so the Grant makes a significant difference to these listed buildings. There is a full list of Listed Places of Worship on the internet. Although, St. Erconwald's is not one of them, many of you will know and will have worshiped at some of them, Westminster Cathedral, Aylesford Priory, Sacred Heart Church, Kilburn, St. James Church, Spanish Place and St. Joseph's Church, Wembley to mention just a few. We ask you to write to your MP asking them to attend the debate. The loss of this grant would be disastrous. Please find the link to the e-campaign on: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/listed-places-of-worship-grant-scheme> Please act quickly as this is a time sensitive issue as the debate takes place next Wednesday. Please also ask your friends to send emails.



SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Will be celebrated on the weekend of **25th/26th January**.

The motto chosen is taken from the Book of Psalms:

"I hope in your Word." [Ps 119.74]

The Re-commissioning of Readers will take place at all the Masses.

WORLD LEPROSY DAY - 25th/26th JANUARY

is observed internationally every year on the last Sunday of January to increase the public awareness of leprosy. This date was chosen by French humanitarian Raoul Follereau as a tribute to the life of Mahatma Gandhi who had compassion for people afflicted with leprosy. The day began to be observed in 1954. Leprosy is one of the oldest recorded diseases in the world. It is an infectious chronic disease that targets the nervous system, especially the nerves in the cooler parts of the body: the hands, feet, and face. Pope Francis has spoken in support of the observation. There will be a retiring collection on the weekend of 25th/26th January in aid of Lepra. To read some real life stories of some of the beneficiaries whose lives have been changed through the work of Lepra or to donate, please visit: www.lepra.org.uk You can also use the QR Code on the Posters.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2025

For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION **CONFIRMATION 2025**

There will be a meeting for both parents and candidates on **Tuesday 21st January** at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults [RCIA]

Next meeting: **Wednesday 22nd January at 7.00pm, in the Parish Hall.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next parents and children's session will take place on **Saturday 25th January**, at 10.30am in the Parish Hall.

SISTERS OF LA SAINTE UNION

There will be a reception in the Parish Hall on **Saturday 25th January after the 5.30pm Mass** as we bid a sad goodbye to the Sisters of La Sainte Union, who have been living in the Parish with us for the last 32 years. All are welcome

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

On **Saturday 8th February, at 2.00pm**, Cardinal Vincent will celebrate the Annual Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes at the Cathedral, during which anointing of the sick will be offered.

Whilst a ticket is required, it can only be booked through the Parish. There are three categories of tickets available:

- ◆ 1. Wheelchair users who require anointing,
- ◆ 2. Walking sick who require anointing,
- ◆ 3. Those assisting the sick, who **do not** require anointing.

Time is limited, so we require details ASAP and not later than **Sunday 26th January.**

Please, either put your request in the boxes provided in the Church, or email: wembley3@rcdow.org.uk [including your contact details and what category of ticket] or phone the office: 020 8904 6031.



DEMENTIA CARERS SUPPORT GROUP

Do you care for someone who is living with Dementia (incl. Alzheimer's)? We next meet in the Parish Hall on **Monday 20th January between 12.00noon - 2.00pm.** COME AND BE SUPPORTED. For further information please contact Frank Arrojo on 07867 903917 (email frankj.arrojo@gmail.com).

Online meeting: Friday 31st January between 4.00 – 6.00pm

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Sunday 2nd February, we celebrate Candlemas Day. We will be blessing the Church Candles for the year. You are welcome to bring your own candle for it to be blessed. *A range of candles are available from the **REPOSITORY** for those who wish to purchase one for Candlemas Day.*

If you are joining us online, please have your candle ready for blessing.



CHURCH CLEANING

If you have any spare time to please come along and join us after the 9.30am Mass on Tuesday mornings to help clean God's House. This is also a good way of meeting others in our parish.

LITURGY FOR THE SECOND WEEK OF YEAR 1 - Psalter Week 2

All services can be followed online: <https://www.churchservices.tv/wembley3>

Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 10.00am/11.30am Masses are recorded

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Sunday 19th January: 2nd Sunday, Year C [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st

Reading: Isaiah 62.1-5; Psalm: 95; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 12.4-11; Gospel:

John 2.1-11. **Intention:** 10.00am: Shirley Kingham [RIP, A]

11.30am: Sonia McCarthy [RIP, A]

Monday 20th January: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Hebrews 5.1-10; Psalm: 109; Gospel: Mark 2.18-22. **Intention:** Frederick Gracias [RIP]

Monday 20th January: 6.30pm: Funeral Mass for Margaret Walsh RIP. [The Mass will be live-streamed and recorded]

Tuesday 21st January: St. Agnes [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Hebrews 6.10-20; Psalm: 110; Gospel: Mark 2.23-28. **Intention:** Joanna Joyce [RIP]

Wednesday 22nd January: Feria [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Hebrews 7.1-3,15-17; Psalm: 109; Gospel: Mark 3.1-6. **Intention:** Eanna Giles [RIP]

Thursday 23rd January: NO SERVICE

Friday 24th January: St. Francis de Sales [9.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Hebrews 8.6-13; Psalm: 84; Gospel: Mark 3.13-19. **Intention:** Seamus Diskin [RIP]

Saturday 25th January: 3rd Sunday, Year C [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Nehemiah 8.2-6, 8-10; Psalm: 18; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 12.12-30; Gospel: Luke 1.1-4, 4.14-21. **Intention:** Bridie McClafferty and Tony McElwee [RIP, A].

Sunday 26th January: 3rd Sunday, Year C [10.00am/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Nehemiah 8.2-6, 8-10; Psalm: 18; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 12.12-30; Gospel: Luke 1.1-4, 4.14-21. **Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish
11.30am: Bernie Costello [RIP]

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK - [for those who have asked to be remembered]



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Sue McGovern, Cathy Singer, Martin Geary, Susan Bradley, Radwan Naffa, and Yves Remedios.

We remember also those in Kenbrook, Birchwood Grange and Brook House.

In case you are admitted to hospital.....

Please indicate **on entering hospital** that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain, and that you would like a visit from the RC Chaplain.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

[based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori]